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TO: Interested Parties -- Commercial Availability Reviews

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SUBJECT: Commercial Availability Review on Apparel of Fancy Polyester-Rayon
Suiting Fabrics (Investigation No. 332-458-017)

The U.S. International Trade Commission initiated a review to provide advice concerning two petitions filed under the "commercial availability" provision of the United States-Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act (CBTPA) on apparel of fancy polyester-rayon suiting fabrics. The petitions state that the fabrics are 65 percent polyester and 35 percent rayon, of yarns made from dyed fibers, and in 58-59 inch widths, classified in HTS statistical reporting number 5515.11.00.05. One petition covers such fabrics that are made on the worsted wool system with two-ply combed and ring spun yarns in the warp and fill; the other petition covers such fabrics that are made on the synthetic system with two-ply carded and ring spun yarns in the warp and fill. Further information on the petitions is available on the website of the U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of Textiles and Apparel, at <http://otexa.ita.doc.gov/scripts/ca.exe/two>

The petitions were filed on behalf of Fishman & Tobin, Inc., Conshohocken, PA, by Sharretts, Paley, Carter & Blauvelt, P.C., and received by the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA) on August 24, 2004. The petitions allege that the fabrics cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. In a letter to CITA of August 19, 2004, the petitioner withdrew its petition covering similar fabrics and submitted the two new petitions.

The Commission will provide probable economic effects advice in the review for the napped sheeting fabrics under its investigation No. 332-458, *Commercial Availability of Apparel Inputs (2004): Effect of Providing Preferential Treatment to Apparel Imported from Sub-Saharan African, Caribbean Basin, and Andean Countries*, instituted at the request of the United States Trade Representative (USTR). The advice concerns the probable economic effect on U.S. producers, workers, and consumers of granting duty-free and quota-free treatment to apparel made in eligible countries from the specified fabrics or yarns, regardless of the source of such inputs, should CITA determine that the fabrics or yarns cannot be supplied by the domestic

industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner.

The Commission plans to submit its advice for this review in a classified report to USTR by October 4, 2004. The Commission will issue a public version of the review soon thereafter.

Further information on this review may be obtained from Ms. Jackie Jones (202-205-3466); jackie.jones@usitc.gov. Information on the commercial availability investigation of the Commission can be obtained from Ms. Jones and from its website at www.usitc.gov/332s/shortsup/shortsupintro.htm. Information on commercial availability requests is also available from the U.S. Department of Commerce, which chairs CITA, on the website of its Office of Textiles and Apparel at <http://otexa.ita.doc.gov/CA.htm>